

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 89, A bill to be entitled "An Act constituting the several district judges of counties of certain population a Juvenile Board of such county, and prescribing the powers and duties of such board, including the appointment by it of probation officers, and providing for the payment or compensation of such officers and allowing the said district judges an additional salary, to be paid out of the general fund of such county."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3420, Chapter 18, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, providing that no property encumbered by certain liens shall be set aside to the widow or children as exempt property, or appropriated to make up allowances in lieu of exempt property, or for a year's support, until the debts secured by such liens are first discharged, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out in Article 3420 the words "or other lien or liens valid at date of execution."

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 15, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to construct and complete necessary buildings for the new Texas School for the Blind, and to build necessary fences, walks and drives, and to

beautify the grounds, and to furnish all necessary apparatus, equipment and furniture, and to pay the expenses of moving in order to have the said school ready for occupancy, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

CALDWELL, Vice-Chairman.

SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Wednesday, January 17, 1917.

The Senate met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Present.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Hall.	Woodward.
Harley.	

Absent.

Dean.	Johnston of Harris
Gibson.	Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Smith.	Westbrook.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Johnson.

Simple Resolution No. 22.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Johnson of Hall:

Whereas, the Senator from Hunt, Hon. Ed Westbrook, has been called home on account of the death of his mother; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate hereby

expresses to him our most sincere condolence in his hour of profound sorrow, and that he be excused from further attendance upon the Senate until he shall have time to attend the burial.

The resolution was read and un-
animously adopted by a rising vote.

Excused.

On account of business:
Senator Dean, for today, on mo-
tion of Senator Johnson of Hall.

See Appendix for brief note of Pe-
titions and Memorials presented.
See Appendix for all Standing
Committee reports.

(President Pro Tem. Henderson in
the Chair.)

Simple Resolution No. 23.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Gibson:

Whereas, There is a vacancy in the
assistant's place in the enrolling
room, being made so on account of
the transfer of Miss Cannon to the
House, and the subsequent resigna-
tion of Miss White, who succeeded
her at that place; therefore be it

Resolved, That Mr. T. H. Yar-
brough be appointed to the place of
Assistant Enrolling Clerk.

The resolution was read and
adopted.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Johnson of Hall:

S. B. No. 141, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to require the publication
in some newspaper of general cir-
culation of all notices now required
by law or contract to be given of
any act or proceeding, whether pub-
lic or private, or relating to a judi-
cial, executive or legislative matter,
which notice is now authorized by
law or contract to be made by post-
ing notices in one or more public
places, fixing the time of such publi-
cation, and the compensation, repeal-
ing all laws and parts of laws in
conflict herewith and declaring an
emergency."

Read first time and referred to
Committee on Public Printing.

By Senator Buchanan of Scurry:

S. B. No. 142, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to reorganize the Thirty-
second, Thirty-ninth, and Seventieth
Judicial Districts, so as to declare
what counties compose the Thirty-
second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth
Judicial Districts, to fix the time for
holding court in the various coun-
ties of said districts; to make the
processes issued to serve before this
Act takes effect, including recogni-
zances and bonds, returnable to the
terms of court as herein fixed and
continuing in office judges and dis-
trict attorneys in each of said dis-
tricts; and to repeal all laws in con-
flict herewith and declaring an em-
ergency."

Read first time and referred to
Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senators Alderdice and Bee:

S. B. No. 143, A bill to be entitled
"An Act providing for the election of
county school trustees; defining the
term of office thereof; stating the
manner of having the names of can-
didates placed on the official ballot;
fixing the date of said election; and
providing who shall participate in
said election; repealing all laws and
parts of laws in conflict herewith,
and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to
Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Caldwell:

S. B. No. 144, A bill to be entitled
"An Act providing for the return of
pension warrants where the pension-
er dies during the quarter for which
the warrant was issued, the cancella-
tion of same, and the issuance of a
mortuary warrant to pay the funeral
expenses of the deceased pensioner,
etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to
Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Hall by request:

S. B. No. 145, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to permit S. S. Perry of Bra-
zoria County, Texas, to bring suit
against the State of Texas for an al-
leged breach of contract entered into
by and between the said S. S. Perry
and the Board of Prison Commis-
sioners, dated September 20, 1911."

Read first time and referred to
Committee on Public Debts, Claims
and Accounts.

By Senator Decherd:

S. B. No. 146, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to incorporate Hearne Independent School District, in Robertson County, Texas, for free school purposes only; defining its boundaries; divesting the City of Hearne of the control of its public free schools and of its school property, and vesting the same in said independent school district and its board of trustees; providing that all funds belonging or owing to said city schools shall inure to the benefit of said independent school district, and that all contracts made by the board of trustees of said city school shall be carried out by the board of trustees of said independent school district, but that said district shall never be liable for any indebtedness of said city; providing for a board of trustees for said district and describing the rights, powers and duties of said Hearne Independent School District, and providing for changes of lines in said district, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Clark:

S. B. No. 147, A bill to be entitled "An Act conferring power upon the Railroad Commission of Texas to require non-grade crossings, when the public interest requires them, at crossings of the lines of steam railways, crossing of the lines of steam and interurban railways, at crossings of the lines of interurban railways, and at crossings of the lines of steam or interurban railways with public highways, to apportion the costs thereof amongst the owners, etc., of such railways or between the owners, etc., of such interested railways and interested counties, cities or towns; providing procedure therefor, and procedure for the testing of the validity of such orders; granting the power of eminent domain to parties to such orders when it is necessary to acquire land to comply with such orders; permitting the owners, etc., of such interested railways to issue improvement bonds to secure funds with which to comply with such orders with approval of Railroad Commission, etc.; permitting incorporated cities and towns, and counties, to issue improvement bonds to provide funds where necessary to comply with such orders, and within constitutional limits of indebtedness and taxation; providing that this Act is cumulative of certain other laws;

providing that the terms of this Act are separate; providing penalties and other remedies for the enforcement of such orders; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Hopkins:

S. B. No. 148, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an emergency appropriation to pay additional teachers during the remainder of the Regular Session of the North Texas State Normal College, and to supply an omission in the appropriation for the summer session of 1917."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senators Dayton and Lattimore:

S. B. No. 149, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 117 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas, relating to county libraries."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Lattimore:

S. B. No. 150, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 1133, 1134 and 1138, of the Revised Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas of 1911, defining the duties of the district judge and the Comptroller of Public Accounts, in examining, auditing and approving all bills, claims and accounts against the State for fees and salaries in felony cases, in favor of witnesses, district, county and precinct officers; defining the duties of the district clerk, and providing a penalty for his failure to perform such duties, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Johnston of Harris:

S. B. No. 151, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5490 of the Revised Statutes of 1911, relating to the subject of landlord's liens upon residences, store houses or other buildings, prescribing the manner in which such liens shall be fixed and preserved."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Gibson:

S. B. No. 152, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower

Lamar County or any political subdivision or defined district of said county by a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers, qualified voters of such county, or political subdivision or defined district thereof, voting thereon to issue bonds to any amount not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county or of such political subdivision or defined district, and to levy and collect taxes to pay the interest on such bonds and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, and for the maintenance of said roads during the life of such bonds for the purpose of construction, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, and prescribing ways and means of conducting and supervising said work, and to repeal Chapter 3 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature and Chapter 15 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature and all other special road laws for Lamar County, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Senator Bailey:

S. B. No. 153, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Pleasanton Independent School District, covering the same territory heretofore known as Common School District No. 1, in Atascosa County, Texas, and defining its boundaries; and to provide for the creating of a board of trustees thereof and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes; and conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers; and providing authority to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same; and to levy a tax therefor; and to pay current expenses for the maintenance and support of said schools; providing for a board of equalization, and further prescribing the duty and authority of said board of equalization; and further prescribing the duty and authority of the board of trustees; declaring valid an issue of bonds heretofore made; declaring valid all maintenance taxes heretofore voted; and repealing all laws in conflict herewith in so far as they conflict with this Act; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Woodward:

S. B. No. 154, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a special road law for Llano County, Texas, and to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of public roads, highways and bridges, by the commissioners court, and the fixing of the term of office and salary, and defining his duties."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Senator McNealus:

S. B. No. 155, A bill to be entitled "An Act to punish the making or use of false statements respecting financial condition, for the purpose of obtaining money, property or credit, when such money, property or credit amounts to not less than fifty dollars; whether such statements are made directly or indirectly; making such an offense a felony and providing the punishment therefor."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Bailey:

S. B. No. 156, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the authority and duties of the commissioners' court of Calhoun County, Texas, and of the county commissioners of said county; to require said county commissioners to devote their entire time and attention to the affairs of said county, and to fix the salary for the members of said commissioners' court, and repealing all laws, general and special, in conflict with the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

By Senator Henderson:

S. B. No. 157, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent accidents at railway grade crossings by requiring drivers of motor vehicles, automobiles and motor bicycles, to stop before crossing said railway track or tracks at grade, and providing penalty for violation of same."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

Executive Messages.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following messages from the Executive Department:

Executive Office,

Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature:

Supplementing the itemized list of Deficiency Appropriations granted by this Department for the years 1915 and 1916, prepared in this office on January 11, 1917; and transmitted to you today with this communication, I desire also to list the deficiency allowance of eleven thousand four hundred and nineteen and 24-100 dollars (\$11,419.24) granted by me on July 8, 1916, to supplement the item for apparatus and equipment in the appropriation made by the Thirty-fourth Legislature for the Sam Houston Normal Institute, with the statement: That on or about July 8, 1916, Hon. A. C. Goeth, President of the State Board of Regents of Normal Colleges for the State of Texas, made oral application to me for this deficiency allowance for said purpose; that said deficiency was then allowed with the understanding that the application be reduced, subsequently, to writing and presented to me for signature; that through oversight such application was not reduced to writing, although said deficiency was in truth and in fact duly approved by me; that to insure its formal regularity, A. C. Goeth, President, etc., on January 15, 1917, made affidavit to the facts hereinbefore stated, and accordingly, I entered my approval thereon nunc pro tunc as of date July 8, 1916, covering said deficiency application in the amount named and for the purpose specified, as stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. E. FERGUSON,

Governor of Texas.

Executive Office,

Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

To the Texas Senate:

I ask the advice and consent of the Senate to the following appointments:

To be Secretary of State, Honorable C. J. Bartlett, of Falls County;

To be Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, Honorable C. O. Austin, of Bexar County;

To be State Tax Commissioner, Honorable A. P. Bagby, of Lavaca County;

To be Assistant Attorney General, Honorable E. B. Hendricks, of Brown County;

To be State Revenue Agent, Honorable E. B. House, of San Saba County;

To be State Health Officer, Dr. W. B. Collins, of Houston County;

To be Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner, Honorable Will W. Wood, of Aransas County;

To be Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, Honorable Chas. L. Stowe, of Grayson County;

To be members of Board of Pardon Advisers, Honorable William Blakeslee, of Travis County, and Honorable W. P. Sebastian, of Stephens County;

To be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Honorable C. W. Woodman, of Tarrant County;

To be Dairy and Pure Food Commissioner, Honorable Robert H. Hoffman, of Denton County;

To be State Pension Commissioner, Honorable J. C. Jones, of Burleson County;

To be Adjutant General, Honorable Henry Hutchings, of Travis County;

To be State Inspector of Masonry, Honorable W. R. Hendrickson, of Runnels County;

To be Assistant District Attorney of Bexar County, Honorable John F. Onion, Jr., of Bexar County.

To be member of State Insurance Commission, Honorable A. R. Andrews of Kaufman County;

To be member of Live Stock Sanitary Commission, Honorable D. H. Cunningham of Comanche County; Honorable J. Willis Johnson, of Tom Green County, and Honorable E. Conanougher, of Denton County.

To be member of Board of Prison Commissioners, Honorable W. G. Pryor, of Fort Bend, County;

To be State Reclamation Engineer, Honorable A. A. Stiles, of Travis County;

To be State Purchasing Agent, Honorable George Leavy, of Hunt County.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. E. FERGUSON,

Governor of Texas.

Executive Office,
Austin, Texas, January 11, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature:

I herewith enclose you itemized list of the deficiency appropriations granted by this department for the years 1915 and 1916.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS GRANTED BY GOVERNOR FERGUSON.

Date.	Department or Institution.	Purpose.	Amount.
Mar. 27, 1916	State Board of Health.....	Quarantine inspectors, salary six months.....	\$ 900 00
Mar. 3, 1916	Southwestern Insane Asylum.....	Erection and installation of bake ovens.....	850 00
April 7, 1916	LiveStock Sanitary Commission.....	Office rent, stationery, stamps, etc.....	300 00
Oct. 27, 1915	North Texas State Normal.....	Support and maintenance.....	1,000 00
Oct. 8, 1915	Prairie View Normal and Industrial College.....	Making repairs.....	4,500 00
Aug. 23, 1915	Juvenile Training School.....	Discharge and transportation.....	650 00
Aug. 23, 1915	Juvenile Training School.....	Support and maintenance.....	4,500 00
Aug. 23, 1915	Juvenile Training School.....	Repairs.....	7,375 00
Aug. 23, 1915	Juvenile Training School.....	Farm implements.....	1,800 00
Aug. 17, 1915	Public Buildings and Grounds.....	Labor and material, Capitol Grounds.....	500 00
July 23, 1915	Governor's Mansion.....	Labor and employes.....	300 00
May 10, 1916	Blind Institute.....	Stamps, stationery, etc.....	100 00
April 14, 1916	Mansion and Grounds.....	Fuel, light, water and incidentals.....	1,500 00
July 31, 1916	Mansion and Grounds.....	Fuel, light, water and incidentals.....	800 00
July 31, 1916	Mansion and Grounds.....	Fuel, light, water and incidentals.....	250 00
May 13, 1916	Comptroller's Department.....	Postage, telegraph, express, etc.....	2,500 00
Mar. 11, 1916	State Railroad.....	Track and ties.....	17,750 00
Mar. 11, 1916	State Railroad.....	For ditching.....	1,500 00
Nov. 27, 1916	Girls Training School.....	Two cottages.....	1,900 00
Mar. 11, 1916	State Railroad.....	Other track material.....	1,000 00
July 31, 1916	Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner.....	Support and maintenance.....	1,000 00
Mar. 11, 1916	State Railroad.....	For permanent work.....	11,000 00
April 26, 1916	Adjutant General's Department.....	Ranger force.....	17,500 00
July 10, 1916	Adjutant General's Department.....	Ranger force.....	10,000 00
April 10, 1916	State Lunatic Asylum.....	Repairs.....	3,000 00
April 10, 1916	Confederate Woman's Home.....	Support and maintenance.....	2,000 00
July 31, 1916	Confederate Woman's Home.....	Support and maintenance.....	2,000 00
May 5, 1916	West Texas Normal.....	Support and maintenance.....	2,020 77
April 10, 1916	Confederate Woman's Home.....	Repairs and plumbing.....	2,000 00
July 6, 1916	State Hospital for Crippled Children.....	Support and maintenance.....	2,000 00
July 1, 1916	Southwest Texas Normal.....	Support and maintenance.....	5,000 00
Oct. 2, 1916	Anti-Tuberculosis Colony.....	Boiler, engine and dynamo.....	5,000 00
Oct. 28, 1916	State Purchasing Agent.....	Extra help.....	300 00
Oct. 28, 1916	State Board of Health.....	Salary two guards at Brownsville.....	400 00
July 31, 1916	Executive Office.....	Payment of rewards, telephone and telegrams.....	75 00
July 31, 1916	Executive Office.....	Pay contingent expenses.....	5 00
Aug. 15, 1916	Agricultural and Mechanical College.....	Steam plant.....	10,866 50
July 15, 1916	Fire Insurance Commission.....	Telephone, telegraph and express.....	250 00
July 15, 1916	Fire Insurance Commission.....	Subscription to newspapers.....	50 00
July 15, 1916	Fire Insurance Commission.....	Contingent expense.....	100 00
June 23, 1916	Executive Office.....	Freight and postage.....	200 00
June 8, 1916	Executive Office.....	Traveling expenses of Governor.....	250 00
April 19, 1916	Sam Houston Normal.....	Repairs and improvements.....	1,350 00
April 19, 1916	Sam Houston Normal.....	Water supply and fire protection.....	2,875 00
June 12, 1916	Mansion and Grounds.....	Repairs and improvements.....	1,000 00
July 28, 1916	Warehouse and Marketing Department.....	Contingent expense.....	500 00
June 6, 1916	Warehouse and Marketing Department.....	Stamps, etc.....	250 00
July 7, 1916	State Lunatic Asylum.....	Addition and repairs cow barns.....	8,000 00
Jan. 7, 1916	Southwestern Insane Asylum.....	Repairs.....	4,500 00
Oct. 24, 1916	North Texas State Normal.....	Support and maintenance.....	5,000 00
Jan. 12, 1916	College of Industrial Arts.....	9,830 42
Nov. 6, 1916	Agricultural and Mechanical College.....	Emergency appropriation.....	13,000 00
Dec. 23, 1916	State Lunatic Asylum.....	Emergency appropriation.....	45,000 00
Dec. 23, 1916	State Lunatic Asylum.....	Emergency appropriation.....	23,000 00
	Total.....		\$ 239,297 69

Executive Office,
Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature:

In pursuance to law, I herewith enclose you statement of moneys received and disbursed by this department from January 19, 1915, the time of my inauguration, to January 16, 1917.

Respectfully,

JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Statement of All Moneys Officially Received and Disbursed From January 19, 1915, to January 16, 1917.

(a) · Lindale, Smith County Road District.

Feb. 5, 1915, check received.....	\$387.10	
Feb. 5, 1915, checks mailed to 30 convicts.....		\$206.75
Feb. 5, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		180.35
	<u>\$387.10</u>	<u>\$387.10</u>
(\$26.40 being deducted from remittance for transportation of convicts.)		
Feb. 27, 1915, check received.....	\$383.50	
Feb. 27, 1915, checks mailed to 26 convicts.....		\$191.75
Feb. 27, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		191.75
	<u>\$383.50</u>	<u>\$383.50</u>
April 6, 1915, check received.....	\$ 90.00	
April 6, 1915, checks mailed to 6 convicts.....		\$ 45.00
April 6, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		45.00
	<u>\$ 90.00</u>	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
May 10, 1915, check received.....	\$ 85.00	
May 10, 1915, checks mailed to 6 convicts.....		\$ 42.50
May 10, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		42.50
	<u>\$ 85.00</u>	<u>\$ 85.00</u>
June 10, 1915, check received.....	\$ 15.00	
June 10, 1915, check mailed to 1 convict.....		\$ 7.50
June 10, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		7.50
	<u>\$ 15.00</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
July 2, Aug. 9, and Sept. 9, 1915, checks received for \$15.00 each.....	\$ 45.00	
On each of said dates check mailed to one convict at \$7.50 each.....		\$ 22.50
On each of said dates check to Comptroller for \$7.50 each		22.50
	<u>\$ 45.00</u>	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
Sept. 30, 1915, check received.....	\$ 7.50	
Sept. 30, 1915, check mailed to 1 convict.....		\$ 3.75
Sept. 30, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		3.75
	<u>\$ 7.50</u>	<u>\$ 7.50</u>

(b) Gregg County Road District.

Feb. 5, 1915, check received.....	\$193.45	
Feb. 5, 1915, checks mailed to 13 convicts.....		\$ 96.72
Feb. 5, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		96.73
	<u>\$193.45</u>	<u>\$193.45</u>
March 4, 1915, check received.....	\$192.90	
March 4, 1915, checks mailed to 14 convicts.....		\$ 96.44
March 4, 1915, check mailed to comptroller.....		96.46
	<u>\$192.90</u>	<u>\$192.90</u>
April 7, 1915, check received.....	\$132.65	
April 7, 1915, checks mailed to 13 convicts.....		\$ 79.14
April 7, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		53.51
	<u>\$132.65</u>	<u>\$132.65</u>
(\$25.65 being deducted from remittance for transportation, etc.)		
May 10, 1915, check received.....	\$ 27.00	
May 10, 1915, checks mailed to 2 convicts.....		\$ 13.50
May 10, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		13.50
	<u>\$ 27.00</u>	<u>\$ 27.00</u>

(c) Tyler, Smith County Road District.

Feb. 5, 1915, check received.....	\$222.00	
Feb. 5, 1915, checks mailed to 18 convicts.....		\$111.00
Feb. 5, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		111.00
	<u>\$222.00</u>	<u>\$222.00</u>
March 5, 1915, check received.....	\$255.00	
March 5, 1915, checks mailed to 17 convicts.....		\$127.50
March 5, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		127.50
	<u>\$255.00</u>	<u>\$255.00</u>
April 7, 1915, check received.....	\$247.50	
April 7, 1915, checks mailed to 17 convicts.....		\$123.75
April 7, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		123.75
	<u>\$247.50</u>	<u>\$247.50</u>
May 10, 1915, check received.....	\$233.00	
May 10, 1915, checks mailed to 16 convicts.....		\$116.50
May 10, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		116.50
	<u>\$233.00</u>	<u>\$233.00</u>
June 4, 1915, check received.....	\$209.00	
June 4, 1915, checks mailed to 14 convicts.....		\$104.50
June 4, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		104.50
	<u>\$209.00</u>	<u>\$209.00</u>
July 6, 1915, check received.....	\$191.50	
July 6, 1915, checks mailed to 13 convicts.....		\$ 95.75
July 6, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		95.75
	<u>\$191.50</u>	<u>\$191.50</u>

August 19, 1915, check received.....	\$166.00	
August 19, 1915, checks mailed to 11 convicts.....		\$ 83.00
August 19, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		83.00
	<u>\$166.00</u>	<u>\$166.00</u>
Sept. 9, 1915, check received.....	\$158.50	
Sept. 9, 1915, checks mailed to 11 convicts.....		\$ 81.25
Sept. 9, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		77.25
	<u>\$158.50</u>	<u>\$158.50</u>
(\$4.00 being deducted from remittance for medicine.)		
Oct. 7, 1915, check received.....	\$111.00	
Oct. 7, 1915, checks mailed to 10 convicts.....		\$ 56.00
Oct. 7, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		55.00
	<u>\$111.00</u>	<u>\$111.00</u>
(\$1.00 being deducted from remittance for medicine.)		
Nov. 13, 1915, check received.....	\$ 81.80	
Nov. 13, 1915, checks mailed to 7 convicts.....		\$ 41.75
Nov. 13, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		40.05
	<u>\$ 81.80</u>	<u>\$ 81.80</u>
(\$1.70 being deducted from remittance for medicine.)		
Dec. 20, 1915, check received.....	\$ 69.50	
Dec. 20, 1915, checks mailed to 5 convicts.....		\$ 34.75
Dec. 20, 1915, check mailed to Comptroller.....		34.75
	<u>\$ 69.50</u>	<u>\$ 69.50</u>
Jan. 11, 1916, check received.....	\$ 50.00	
Jan. 11, 1916, checks mailed to 4 convicts.....		\$ 25.00
Jan. 11, 1916, check mailed to Comptroller.....		25.00
	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Feb. 19, 1916, check received.....	\$ 30.00	
Feb. 19, 1916, checks mailed to 2 convicts.....		\$ 15.00
Feb. 19, 1916, check mailed to Comptroller.....		15.00
	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
March 10, 1916, check received.....	\$ 30.00	
March 10, 1916, checks mailed to 2 convicts.....		- 15.00
March 10, 1916, check mailed to Comptroller.....		15.00
	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
April 11, 1916, check received.....	\$ 8.00	
April 11, 1916, checks mailed to 2 convicts.....		\$ 4.00
April 11, 1916, check mailed to Comptroller.....		4.00
	<u>\$ 8.00</u>	<u>\$ 8.00</u>

(d) . Crockett Road District.

July 13, Aug. 16, Sept. 17, Oct. 14, Nov. 13, Dec. 20, 1915, and Jan. 13, 1916, checks on each respective date for \$75.00, making a total received.....	\$525.00	
Checks mailed to 5 convicts on each of said dates for \$7.50 each.....		\$262.50
Check mailed to Comptroller on each of said dates for \$37.50 each.....		262.50
	<u>\$525.00</u>	<u>\$525.00</u>

March 3, 1916, check received for Feb. and Jan.....	\$150.00	
March 3, 1916, checks mailed to 5 convicts.....		\$ 75.00
March 3, 1916, check mailed to Comptroller.....		75.00
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	\$150.00	\$150.00
April 13, 1916, check received.....	\$ 75.00	
April 13, 1916 checks mailed to 5 convicts.....		\$ 37.50
April 13, 1916 check mailed to Comptroller.....		37.50
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	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
May 6, 1916, check received.....	\$ 75.00	
May 6, 1916, checks mailed to 5 convicts.....		\$ 37.50
May 6, 1916, check mailed to Comptroller.....		37.50
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	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
June 23, 1916, check received.....	\$ 52.20	
June 23, 1916, checks mailed to 5 convicts.....		\$ 26.10
June 23, 1916, check mailed to Comptroller.....		26.10
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June 23, 1916, check received.....	\$ 52.20	
July 25, Aug. 21, Sept. 14, Oct. 16, Nov. 17, and Dec. 16, 1916, Jan. 12, 1917, checks received on each of said dates for \$45.00 each, aggregating.....	\$315.00	
Checks mailed to 3 convicts on each of said dates for \$7.50 each, aggregating.....		\$157.50
Checks mailed to Comptroller on each of said dates for \$22.50 each, aggregating.....		157.50
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	\$315.00	\$315.00

(c) Canyon City Normal Insurance Fund.

Certificates of deposit and balances in banks received January 19, 1915,
from Governor O. B. Colquitt, as follows:

First National Bank, Canyon City.....	\$ 10,000.00
Interest collected on same.....	66.67
Texas Trust Company, Austin.....	10,000.00
First State Bank, Canyon City.....	5,000.00
Interest collected on same.....	81.11
First National Bank, Plainview.....	25,000.00
Interest collected on same.....	607.07
First National Bank, Amarillo.....	45,839.48
Interest collected on same.....	166.40
Deficiency warrants, cashed by Governor Colquitt.....	4,846.45
Total	<hr/> \$101,607.18

Disbursements.

1915.

January 23, paid to George Endress, Architect.....	\$ 1,000.00
May 5, to J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer.....	6,000.00
June 10, to J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer.....	10,000.00
July 7, to J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer.....	10,000.00
August 7, to J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer.....	13,507.35
October 2, to J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer.....	10,000.00
November 3, to J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer.....	5,000.00
December 1, to J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer.....	6,156.00

1916.	
January 6, to J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer.....	8,000.00
February 2, to J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer.....	6,200.00
March 4, to J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer.....	4,000.00
April 26, to J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer.....	21,743.83
Total	\$101,607.18

(f) Galveston Storm Sufferers.

Received from appeal to the people of Texas, through the public press	\$2,949.40
Received from National Red Cross Society.....	1,000.00
Total	\$3,949.40

Disbursements.

1915.	
August 27, check issued to J. F. Wolters for distribution among sufferers	\$ 500.00
August 30, check issued to E. L. Long, Chairman Relief Committee, Alvin.....	350.00
August 31, check issued to J. I. Woodruff, Liverpool, Texas, for distribution	200.00
August 31, check issued to Frank B. Baroux, San Leon, Texas, for distribution.....	200.00
August 31, check issued to G. W. Smith, South Houston, for distribution	200.00
August 21, check issued to County Judge Chambers County.....	500.00
September 1, check issued to Mrs. Lizzie Wilson, postmaster at Wallisville	200.00
September 2, to C. J. Martin & Sons, for disinfectant.....	62.50
September 9, to County Judge of Brazoria County.....	500.00
September 14, J. R. Boddeker, Galveston.....	225.00
October 21, to J. H. Black, J. A. Boddeker and John Egert, Galveston	500.00
October 26, to J. H. Black, J. A. Boddeker and John Egert, Galveston	500.00
1916.	
April 4, to J. Stern & Son, Austin, part payment 26 bus. Mexican June corn seed sent to Mrs. C. F. Patrick, League City.....	11.90
Total	\$3,949.40

(g) Texas National Guard.

March 4, 1915—Received draft of Hirsh & Sons of St. Louis, being amount recovered on stolen property of Texas National Guard, sold to said Hirsh & Sons.....	\$3,050.00
July 14, 1916—Refund on bond of J. R. Sims, from American Indemnity Company.....	223.58
Total	\$3,273.58

Disbursements.

Geo. M. Bowie for rent on building used as armory at Weatherford, not paid for by J. R. Sims.....	\$ 157.54
Balance on hand January 16, for account of Texas National Guard	\$3,116.04

(h) Location of King's Highway.

1915.

December 20—Received from Mrs. Lipscomb Norvell, Beaumont,
Texas\$2,000.00

No disbursements.

Balance on hand January 16, 1916.....\$2,000.00

(i) Good Road Fund.

1916.

Received June 11, from D. E. Colp, Secretary.....\$200.00
Received Nov. 13, from D. E. Colp, Secretary..... 30.60
Received Nov. 28, from D. E. Colp, Secretary..... 57.05

1917.

Received Jan. 1, from D. E. Colp, Secretary..... 35.05
\$322.70

Disbursements.

1916.

July 6, check to Geo. D. Marshall, expenses.....\$ 16.45
Aug. 3, check to Geo. D. Marshall, expenses..... 107.84
Sept. 30, check to Geo. D. Marshall, expenses..... 51.95
Oct. 10, check to Geo. D. Marshall, expenses..... 21.35
Nov. 13, check to Geo. D. Marshall, expenses..... 33.01
Nov. 28, check to Geo. D. Marshall, expenses..... 57.05

1917.

Jan. 1, check to Geo. D. Marshall, expenses..... 35.05
\$322.70

Received as fees for issuing 167 extradition warrants at
\$2.00 each, aggregating.....\$334.00
Transmitted to Secretary of State said 167 remittances
of \$2.00 each, on date received..... \$334.00
\$334.00 \$334.00

(Lieutenant Governor Hobby in
Chair.)

Senate Bill No. 37.

(By unanimous consent.)

By request of Senator Parr:

The Chair laid before the Senate
on second reading,

S. B. No. 37, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Articles 6772,
6773, 6774 and 6775, of Chapter 1,
Title 117, Revised Civil Statutes of
Texas, relating to the transcribing
of records from the parent county
into the newly created counties which
have been created either in whole or
in part from the territory of any
other county or counties in this
State, or to which may have been

added since its creation the territory
of any other county or counties in
this State, so as to authorize the
commissioners' court of the new
county to employ a competent per-
son to transcribe the same, other
than the county clerk of such new
county, to repeal all laws in con-
flict therewith and declaring an em-
ergency."

The Committee report was adopt-
ed.

The bill was read second time and
passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Parr, the
constitutional rule requiring bills to
be read on three several days was
suspended and Senate Bill No. 37
put on its third reading and final
passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry	Johnston of Harris
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Decherd.	Page.
Floyd.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Woodward.

Absent.

Bailey.	McCollum.
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Absent—Excused.

Dean.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Smith.	

S. B. No. 37, was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed finally by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Johnson of Hall.
Bailey.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Hall.	Robbins.
Harley.	Strickland.
Henderson.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Nays—4.

Bee.	Floyd.
Buchanan of Scurry	Gibson.

Absent.

McCollum.

Absent—Excused.

Dean.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Smith.	

Senator Parr moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 37 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Simple Resolution No. 21.

(Pending Business.)

The Chair laid before the Senate the pending business from yesterday,

Simple Resolution No. 21, the question being on the point of order by Senator Bailey. (See yesterday's Journal for point of order and resolution in full.)

Lieutenant Governor Hobby stated that in view of the language of the resolution, in that it was not binding and was not a binding legislative act, he would overrule the point of order.

Senator Bee offered the following substitute for the pending resolution:

Whereas, The Democratic party of Texas and of the nation has always been committed to the principle of State rights; and

Whereas, Our great President, Woodrow Wilson, who preserved his party to the people's hands after it had slumbered in defeat for eighteen years, believes that each State should have the right of local self-government; and

Whereas, The people of Texas are opposed to any tendency towards centralization in our government; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to oppose the submission of constitutional amendments providing for national women's suffrage and national prohibition.

The substitute was read and,

Senator Henderson made the point of order that the substitute was not germane to the resolution.

The Chair overruled the point of order.

Senator Henderson moved the previous question on the substitute and resolution.

The motion was duly seconded and previous question was ordered.

Action recurred on the substitute for the resolution and the same was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—8.

Bailey.	Harley.
Bee.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	Page.
Hall.	Parr.

Nays—15.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Decherd.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Woodward.
Henderson.	

Absent—Excused.

Dean.

Smith.

Pairs Recorded.

Senator Clark (present), who would vote "yea"; Senator Westbrook (absent), who would vote "nay."

Senator Robbins (present), who would vote "yea"; Senator Hudspeth (absent), who would vote "yea."

Senator Johnston of Harris (present), who would vote "yea"; Senator Suiter (absent), who would vote "nay."

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry	Johnston of Hall.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Decherd.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Woodward.

Nays—9.

Bailey.	King.
Bee.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	Page.
Hall.	Parr.
Harley.	

Absent—Excused.

Dean.

Smith.

Pairs Recorded.

Senator Clark (present), who would vote "yea"; Senator Westbrook (absent), who would vote "yea."

Senator Robbins (present), who would vote "yea"; Senator Hudspeth (absent), who would vote "nay."

Senator Johnston of Harris (present), who would vote "yea"; Senator Suiter (absent), who would vote "yea."

Reason for Vote.

I vote "nay," first, because I do not believe that the resolution is binding on any member of this Senate; second, because my district has, by a sensible and handsome vote, instructed me to vote against submission, which instructions I shall obey regardless of the result of the vote on the resolution.

HALL.

Senate Bill No. 140.

(By unanimous consent.)

Senator Alderdice asked unanimous consent to take up S. B. No. 140.

Senator Alderdice moved that the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day be suspended.

The motion was adopted.

The committee report was read and adopted (see Appendix for report.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 140, A Common School District Bill (see Bills and Resolutions for Caption.)

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Alderdice, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 140, put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice.	Harley.
Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Woodward.
Hall.	

Absent.

Lattimore.	Robbins.
McCollum.	

Absent—Excused.

Dean.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Smith.	

S. B. No. 140, was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed finally by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Dayton.
Bailey.	Decherd.
Bee.	Floyd.
Buchanan of Bell.	Gibson.
Buchanan of Scurry	Hall.
Caldwell.	Harley.
Clark.	Henderson.

Hopkins.	Page.
Johnson of Hall.	Parr.
Johnston of Harris.	Robbins.
King.	Strickland.
Lattimore.	Woodward.
McNealus.	

Absent.

McCollum.

Absent—Excused.

Dean.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Smith.	

Senator Alderdice moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 140 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 146.

(By unanimous consent.)

Senator Decherd asked unanimous consent to take up S. B. No. 146.

Senator Decherd moved that the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day be suspended.

The motion was adopted.

The committee report was adopted.

(See Appendix for committee report.)

On motion of Senator Decherd, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 146 put on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice.	Harley.
Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Woodward.
Hall.	

Absent.

Johnston of Harris.	Robbins.
McCollum.	

Absent—Excused.

Dean.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Smith.	

6—Senate.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 146; Hearne Independent School District bill.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Decherd, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 146 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alderdice.	Hall.
Bailey.	Harley.
Bee.	Henderson.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Decherd.	Page.
Floyd.	Parr.
Gibson.	Strickland.

Absent.

Johnston of Harris.	Robbins.
McCollum.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Dean.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Smith.	

S. B. No. 146, was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Alderdice.	Harley.
Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Decherd.	Page.
Floyd.	Parr.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Woodward.

Absent.

McCollum.	Robbins.
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Absent—Excused.

Dean.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Smith.	

Senator Decherd moved to recom-

sider the vote by which S. B. No. 146 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. C. R. No. 3, Relating to the printing of bills for the Thirty-fifth Legislature.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. C. R. No. 3, Relating to the printing of bills for the Thirty-fifth Legislature.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Adjournment.

On motion of Senator Johnson of Hall, the Senate, at 4 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

APPENDIX.

Petitions and Memorials.

Senator Lattimore offered a petition requesting a law be passed protecting birds for five years or more.

A petition from the citizens of Grimes County to the Legislature asking that opposition be taken against the Drug Law Act, No. 6293, requiring the vendors of medicines, or country store keepers to be licensed pharmacists.

Senator Floyd offered a petition from a number of citizens favoring the retail vendors of proprietary medicines, extracts, spices, toilet articles, stock and poultry tonics, etc., from wagons, and asking that a lookout be kept for such a bill regulating same and dictating where citizens shall buy their goods.

A numerous signed petition from the citizens of Cottle County, to Senator Johnson was offered, appealing to him to favor the enactment of the Highway Commission Bill.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report that they have had compared and carefully examined the Senate Bill No. 107, and report the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 146, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate Hearne Independent School District, in Robertson County, Texas, for free school purposes only; defining its boundaries; divesting the City of Hearne of the control of its public free schools and of its school property, and vesting the same in said independent school district and its board of trustees; providing that all funds belonging or owing to said city school shall inure to the benefit of said independent school district, and that all contracts made by the board of trustees of said city schools shall be carried out by the board of trustees of said independent school district, but that said district shall never be liable for any indebtedness of said city; providing for a board of trustees for said district and describing the rights, powers and duties of said Hearne Independent School District; providing for changes in the lines of said district, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Dechard, Floyd, Buchanan of Scurry, Robbins, Harley, Bailey, Alderdice.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 140, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a common county line school district, to be known as the Auburn District, to be under the jurisdiction, management, and control of the county school board of Ellis County, Texas, to be composed of the territory described in this Act and defining the rights, powers and privileges of such district and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Johnson of Hall, Gibson, Dayton, Dechard, Lattimore, Floyd, Buchanan of Scurry, Bailey, Robbins, Harley, Page.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7684 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, by providing a period of limitation within which action must be brought to foreclose liens upon land securing taxes; providing a period within which such liens shall become barred,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendment:

Amend the bill by adding after the words "provided that the State," the words "or any subdivision thereof, or any municipality."

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4632 of the Revised Civil Statutes (1911)

of the State of Texas, relating to the granting of divorces and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Articles 32 to 55, inclusive, Title 6, Chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to apprentices and repealing all laws in conflict therewith and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7057 and 7059, Chapter 3, Title 120, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to salaries of judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Courts of Civil Appeals and district judges,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendments:

First: Amend the bill, Article 7057, by striking out the word "seven" and inserting in lieu thereof "six," and by striking out the word "six" and inserting in lieu thereof "five," and by striking out the figures "7000," and inserting in lieu thereof "6000," and by striking out the figures "6000" and inserting in lieu thereof "5000."

Second: Amend the bill, Article 7059, by striking out the word "five" and figures "5000" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "four" and figures "4000."

BAILEY, Chairman.

EIGHTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Thursday, January 18, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Harley.
Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	McNealus.
Decherd.	Page.
Floyd.	Parr.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Woodward.

Absent.

Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Smith.	Westbrook.

Prayer by the Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss of Bay City, Texas.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with, on motion of Senator Clark.

Appointment of Pages.

The Lieutenant Governor announced the appointment of the following pages to places of resignations:

Sam Rogers, appointed on Monday, January 15.

Dick McNutt, from January 18.

Simple Resolution No. 24.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator McNealus:

Whereas, The Hon. W. D. Suiter, a Senator in this chamber, has met with a misfortune which seriously incapacitates him from performing his duties as a member of this body,

and which has caused him much suffering and anxiety; therefore be it Resolved, That the sympathies of the Senate be extended to him in his affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That such trained nurse and medical attention as may be necessary until he is sufficiently recovered to resume his duties in this chamber be provided by the Senate, and that said expenses be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Senate Bill No. 68—Made Special Order.

(By unanimous consent.)

Senator McNealus asked unanimous consent to call up Senate Bill No. 68, just reported, for the purpose of making it a special order. There was no objection.

Senator McNealus moved that the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day be suspended.

The motion was adopted.

Senator McNealus moved that Senate Bill No. 68 be made a special order for Monday, January 29, 1917, immediately following the conclusion of the morning call.

The motion was adopted.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Bailey:

S. C. R. No. 4: Whereas, The decision of the United States Supreme Court in what is known as the Shreveport rate case gives the Interstate Commerce Commission the right to strike down a State-made rate, notwithstanding the fact that the State rate may be just and reasonable within itself; and,

Whereas, If such is to remain the law, the right of a sovereign State to regulate its lines of railway transportation will be seriously crippled, if not destroyed; and,

Whereas, The platform of the Republican party, recently adopted at Chicago, contains a plank which boldly declares for the abolition of State railroad commissions; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas,